In the claims:

Please enter rewritten Claims 1-4, 6, and 13-18 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A compound of formula I:

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or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein;

ring D is selected from $-CH_2N=CH-$, $-CH_2CH_2N=CH-$, and a 5-6 membered aromatic ring consisting of carbon atoms and 0-2 heteroatoms selected from the group N, O, and S;

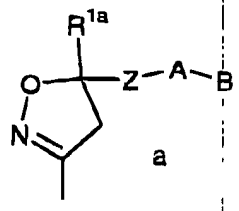
provided that ring D is other than a 5-membered aromatic ring when M is structure q, t, or u;

ring D is substituted with 0-2 R, provided that when ring D is unsubstituted, at least one ring heteratom is present therein;

ring E consists of 0-2 N atom and is substituted by 0-1 R

R is selected from Cl, F, Br, I, OH, C_{1-3} alkoxy, NH_2, $NH(C_{1-3}$ alkyl), $N(C_{1-3}$ alkyl$)_2$, CH_2NH_2, $CH_2NH(C_{1-3}$ alkyl), $CH_2N(C_{1-3}$ alkyl$)_2$, $CH_2CH_2NH_2$, $CH_2CH_2NH(C_{1-3}$ alkyl), and $CH_2CH_2N(C_{1-3}$ alkyl$)_2$;

M is selected from the group:



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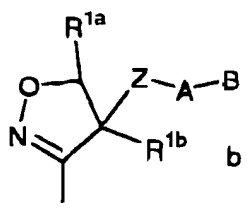

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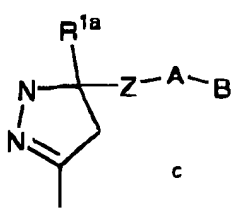

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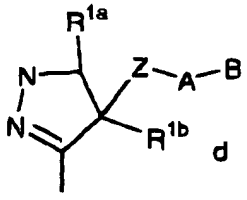

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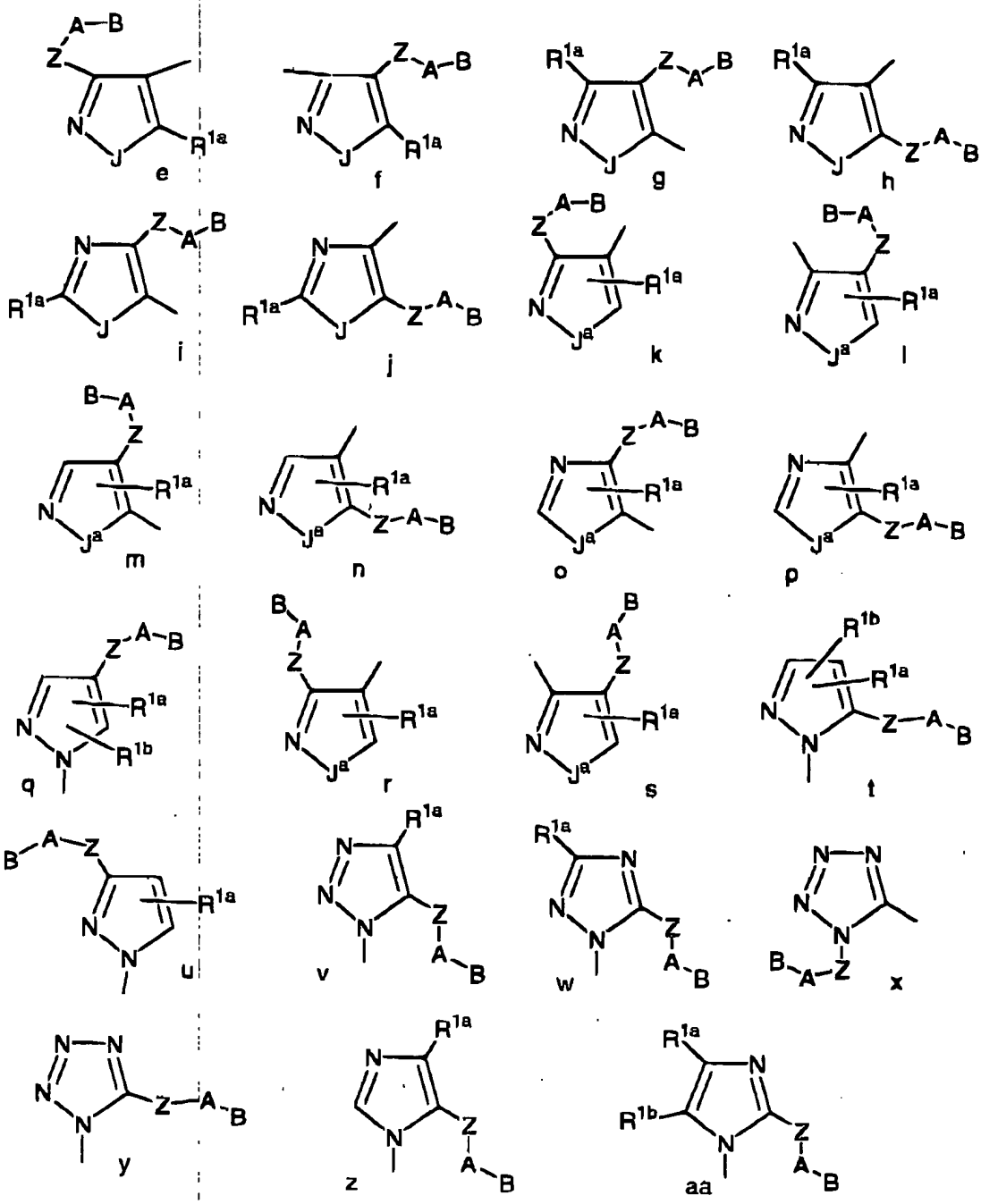

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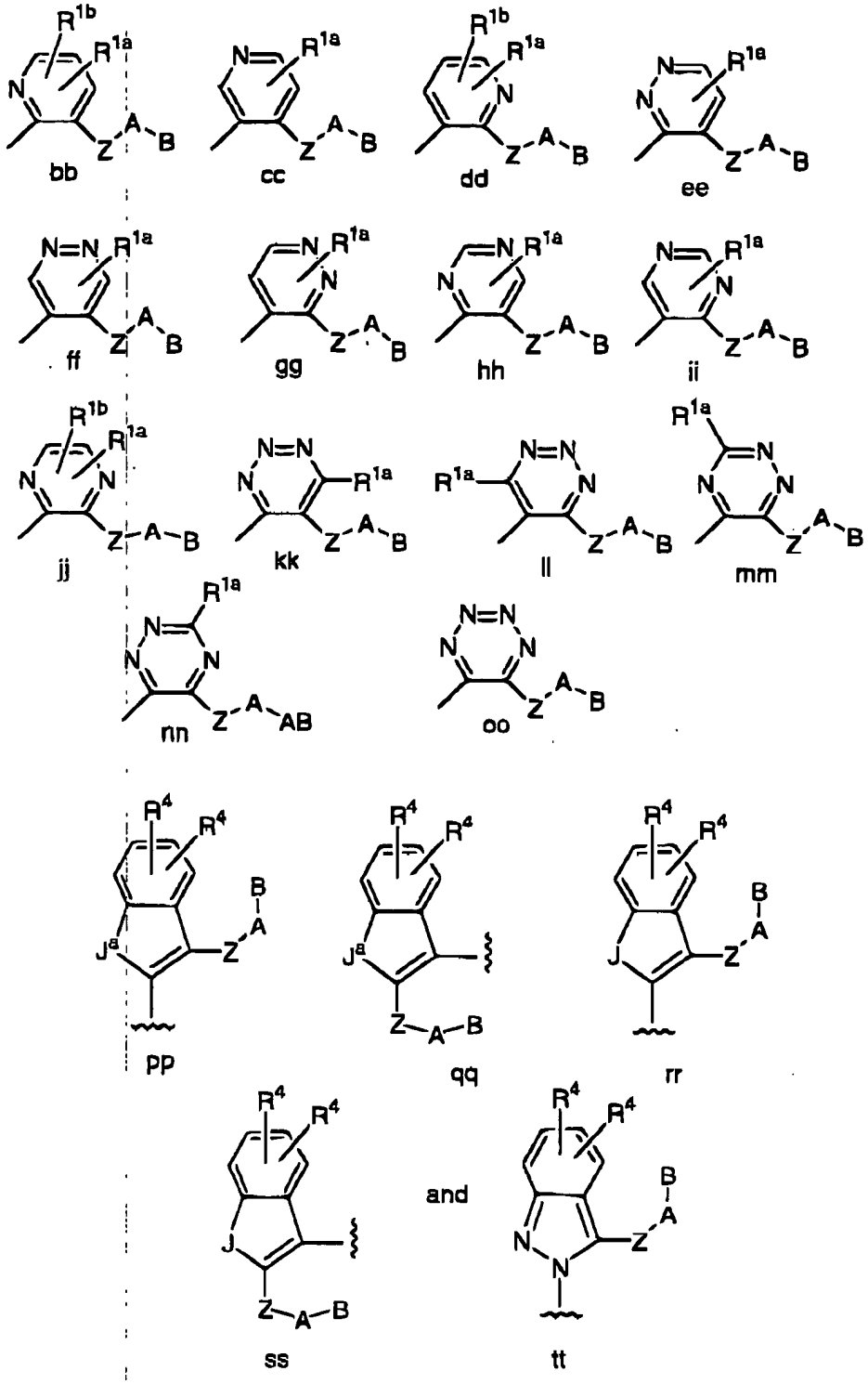

J is O or S;

J^a is NH or NR^{1a};

Z is selected from a bond, C_{1-4} alkylene, $(CH_2)_rO(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rNR^3(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)O(CH_2)_r$,

$(CH_2)_rOC(O)(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)NR^3(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rNR^3C(O)(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rOC(O)O(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rOC(O)NR^3(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rNR^3C(O)O(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rNR^3C(O)NR^3(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rS(O)_p(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rSO_2NR^3(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rNR^3SO_2(CH_2)_r$, and $(CH_2)_rNR^3SO_2NR^3(CH_2)_r$, provided that Z does not form a N-N, N-O, N-S, NCH_2N, NCH_2O, or NCH_2S bond with ring M or group A;

R^{1a} and R^{1b} are independently H or selected from $-(CH_2)_r-R^{1'}$, $-CH=CH-R^{1'}$, $NCH_2R^{1''}$, $OCH_2R^{1''}$, $SCH_2R^{1''}$, $NH(CH_2)_2(CH_2)_tR^{1'}$, $O(CH_2)_2(CH_2)_tR^{1'}$, and $S(CH_2)_2(CH_2)_tR^{1'}$;

alternatively, R^{1a} and R^{1b}, when attached to adjacent carbon atoms, together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-8 membered saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated ring substituted with 0-2 R^4 and which consists of carbon atoms and 0-2 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

alternatively, when Z is C(O)NH and R^{1a} is attached to a ring carbon adjacent to Z, then R^{1a} is a C(O) which replaces the amide hydrogen of Z to form a cyclic imide;

$R^{1'}$ is selected from H, C_{1-3} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, -CN, -CHO, $(CF_2)_rCF_3$, $(CH_2)_rOR^2$, NR^2R^{2a}, $C(O)R^{2c}$, $OC(O)R^2$, $(CF_2)_rCO_2R^{2c}$, $S(O)_pR^{2b}$, $NR^2(CH_2)_rOR^2$, $C(=NR^{2c})NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2C(O)R^{2b}$, $NR^2C(O)NHR^{2b}$, $NR^2C(O)_2R^{2a}$, $OC(O)NR^{2a}R^{2b}$, $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(O)NR^2(CH_2)_rOR^2$, $SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2SO_2R^{2b}$, C_{3-6} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^4, and 5-10 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^4;

$R^{1''}$ is selected from H, $CH(CH_2OR^2)_2$, $C(O)R^{2c}$, $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $S(O)R^{2b}$, $S(O)_2R^{2b}$, and $SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$;

R^2, at each occurrence, is selected from H, CF_3, C_{1-6} alkyl, benzyl, C_{3-6} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

R^{2a}, at each occurrence, is selected from H, CF_3, C_{1-6} alkyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C_{3-6} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

R^{2b}, at each occurrence, is selected from CF_3, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, benzyl, C_{3-6} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

R^{2c}, at each occurrence, is selected from CF_3, OH, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, benzyl, C_{3-6} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

alternatively, R^2 and R^{2a}, together with the atom to which they are attached, combine to form a 5 or 6 membered saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated ring substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, wherein 0-1 additional ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S are present;

R^3, at each occurrence, is selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl, and phenyl;

R^{3a}, at each occurrence, is selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl, and phenyl;

R^{3c}, at each occurrence, is selected from C_{1-4} alkyl, and phenyl;

A is selected from:

C_{3-10} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^4, and

5-10 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^4;

B is selected from: H, Y, and X-Y;

X is selected from C_{1-4} alkylene, $-CR^2(CR^2R^{2b})(CH_2)_t-$, $-C(O)-$, $-C(=NR^{1''})-$, $-CR^2(NR^{1''}R^2)-$, $-CR^2(OR^2)-$, $-CR^2(SR^2)-$, $-C(O)CR^2R^{2a}-$, $-CR^2R^{2a}C(O)$, $-S(O)_p-$, $-S(O)_pCR^2R^{2a}-$, $-CR^2R^{2a}S(O)_p-$, $-S(O)_2NR^2-$, $-NR^2S(O)_2-$, $-NR^2S(O)_2CR^2R^{2a}-$, $-CR^2R^{2a}S(O)_2NR^2-$, $-NR^2S(O)_2NR^2-$, $-C(O)NR^2-$, $-NR^2C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^2CR^2R^{2a}-$, $-NR^2C(O)CR^2R^{2a}-$, $-CR^2R^{2a}C(O)NR^2-$, $-CR^2R^{2a}NR^2C(O)-$, $-NR^2C(O)O-$, $-OC(O)NR^2-$, $-NR^2C(O)NR^2-$, $-NR^2-$, $-NR^2CR^2R^{2a}-$, $-CR^2R^{2a}NR^2-$, O, $-CR^2R^{2a}O-$, and $-OCR^2R^{2a}-$;

Y is selected from:

$(CH_2)_rNR^2R^{2a}$, provided that X-Y do not form a N-N, O-N, or S-N bond,

C_{3-10} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4a}, and

5-10 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4a};

R^4, at each occurrence, is selected from H, =O, $(CH_2)_rOR^2$, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-4} alkyl, -CN, NO_2, $(CH_2)_rNR^2R^{2a}$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)R^{2c}$, $NR^2C(O)R^{2b}$, $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(=NR^2)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(=NS(O)_2R^5)NR^2R^{2a}$, $NHC(=NR^2)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(O)NHC(=NR^2)NR^2R^{2a}$, $SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, NR^2SO_2-C_{1-4} alkyl, $NR^2SO_2R^5$, $S(O)_pR^5$, $(CF_2)_rCF_3$, $NCH_2R^{1''}$, $OCH_2R^{1''}$,

$SCH_2R^{1''}$, $N(CH_2)_2(CH_2)_tR^{1'}$, $O(CH_2)_2(CH_2)_tR^{1'}$, and $S(CH_2)_2(CH_2)_tR^{1'}$,

alternatively, one R^4 is a 5-6 membered aromatic heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

provided that if B is H, then R^4 is other than tetrazole, C(O)-alkoxy, and $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$;

R^{4a}, at each occurrence, is selected from H, =O, $(CH_2)_rOR^2$, $(CH_2)_r$-F, $(CH_2)_r$-Br, $(CH_2)_r$-Cl, I, C_{1-4} alkyl, -CN, NO_2, $(CH_2)_rNR^2R^{2a}$, $(CH_2)_rNR^2R^{2b}$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)R^{2c}$, $NR^2C(O)R^{2b}$, $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(O)NH(CH_2)_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(=NR^2)NR^2R^{2a}$, $NHC(=NR^2)NR^2R^{2a}$, $SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, NR^2SO_2-C_{1-4} alkyl, $C(O)NHSO_2$-C_{1-4} alkyl, $NR^2SO_2R^5$, $S(O)_pR^5$, and $(CF_2)_rCF_3$;

alternatively, one R^{4a} is a 5-6 membered aromatic heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S and substituted with 0-1 R^5;

R^{4b}, at each occurrence, is selected from H, =O, $(CH_2)_rOR^3$, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-4} alkyl, -CN, NO_2, $(CH_2)_rNR^3R^{3a}$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)R^3$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)OR^{3c}$, $NR^3C(O)R^{3a}$, $C(O)NR^3R^{3a}$, $NR^3C(O)NR^3R^{3a}$, $C(=NR^3)NR^3R^{3a}$, $NH^3C(=NR^3)NR^3R^{3a}$, $SO_2NR^3R^{3a}$, $NR^3SO_2NR^3R^{3a}$, NR^3SO_2-C_{1-4} alkyl, $NR^3SO_2CF_3$, NR^3SO_2-phenyl, $S(O)_pCF_3$, $S(O)_p$-C_{1-4} alkyl, $S(O)_p$-phenyl, and $(CF_2)_rCF_3$;

R^5, at each occurrence, is selected from CF_3, C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl substituted with 0-2 R^6, and benzyl substituted with 0-2 R^6;

R^6, at each occurrence, is selected from H, OH, $(CH_2)_rOR^2$, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-4} alkyl, CN, NO_2, $(CH_2)_rNR^2R^{2a}$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)R^{2b}$, $NR^2C(O)R^{2b}$, $NR^2C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(=NH)NH_2$.

$NHC(=NH)NH_2$, $SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, and $NR^2SO_2C_{1-4}$ alkyl;

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p is selected from 0, 1, and 2;

r is selected from 0, 1, 2, and 3;

s is selected from 0, 1, and 2; and,

t is selected from 0 and 1;

provided that when:

(a) ring D is furan, thiophene, pyrrole, isoxazole, isothiazole, or pyrazole, then Z is other than a bond; and,

(b) A is benzofuran, benzothiophene, indole, benzisoxazole, benzisothiazole, or indazole, then:

(i) ring M is pyrazole, or

(ii) Z is other than a bond or C_{1-4} alkylene.

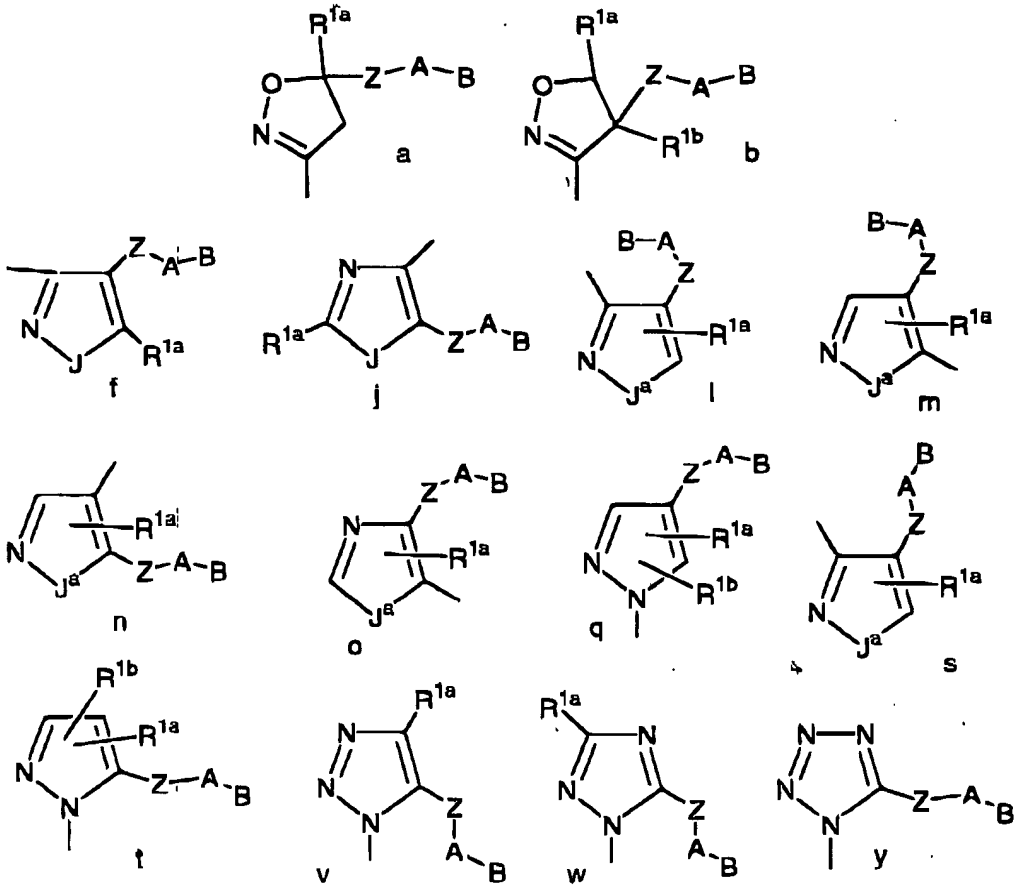
2. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein:

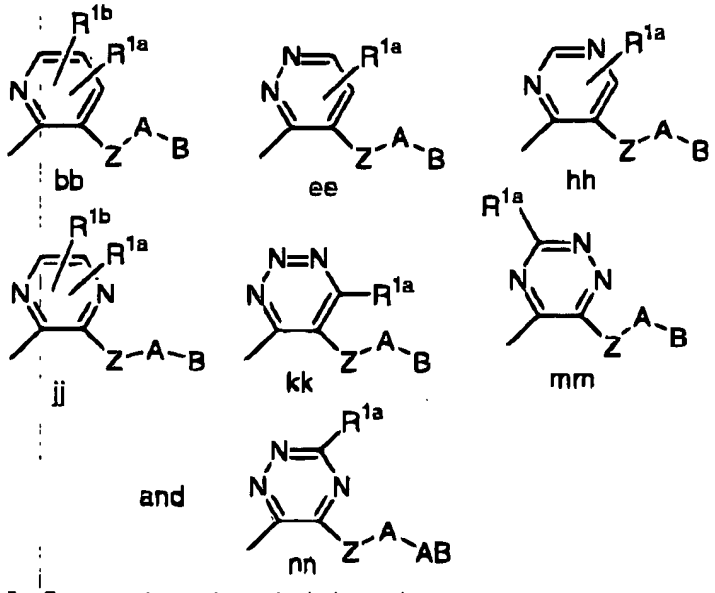
D-E is selected from the group:

1-aminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,3-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,4-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,5-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,6-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1-amino-3-hydroxy-isoquinolin-7-yl; 1-amino-4-hydroxy-isoquinolin-7-yl; 1-amino-5-hydroxy-isoquinolin-7-yl; 1-amino-6-hydroxy-isoquinolin-7-yl; 1-amino-3-methoxy-isoquinolin-7-yl; 1-amino-4-methoxy-isoquinolin-7-yl; 1-amino-5-methoxy-isoquinolin-7-yl; 1-amino-6-methoxy-isoquinolin-7-yl; 1-hydroxy-isoquinolin-7-yl; 4-aminoquinazol-6-yl; 2,4-diaminoquinazol-6-yl; 4,7-diaminoquinazol-6-yl 4,8-diaminoquinazol-6-yl; 1-aminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,4-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,5-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,6-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 4-

aminopterid-6-yl; 2,4-aminopterid-6-yl; 4,6-diaminopterid-6-yl; 8-amino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 6,8-diamino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 5,8-diamino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 4,8-diamino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 3,8-diamino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 5-amino-2,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 5,7-diamino-2,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 5,8-diamino-2,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 1,5-diamino-2,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 5-amino-1,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 5,7-diamino-1,6-naphthyrid-3-y; 5,8-diamino-1,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 2,5-diamino-1,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 3-aminoindazol-5-yl; 3-hydroxyindazol-5-yl; 3-aminobenzisoxazol-5-yl; 3-hydroxybenzisoxazol-5-yl; 3-aminobenzisothiazol-5-yl; 3-hydroxybenzisothiazol-5-yl; 1-amino-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-7-yl; and, 1-aminoisoindol-6-yl;

M is selected from the group:



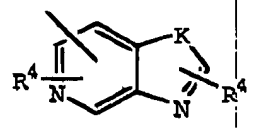
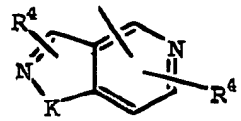
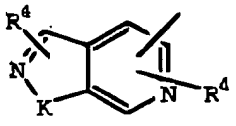
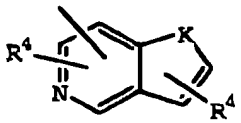
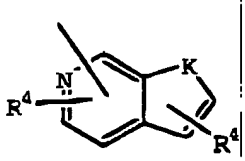
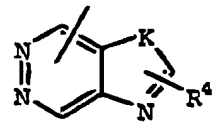
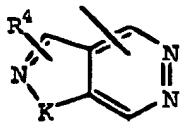


Z is selected from $(CH_2)_rC(O)(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)O(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)NR^3(CH_2)_r$, $(CH_2)_rS(O)_p(CH_2)_r$, and $(CH_2)_rSO_2NR^3(CH_2)_r$; and,

Y is selected from one of the following rings which are substituted with 0-2 R^{4a};

phenyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, morpholinyl, thiophenyl, pyrrolyl, pyrrolidinyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, oxadiazole, thiadiazole, triazole, 1,2,3-oxadiazole, 1,2,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,5-oxadiazole, 1,3,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,3-thiadiazole, 1,2,4-thiadiazole, 1,2,5-thiadiazole, 1,3,4-thiadiazole, 1,2,3-triazole, 1,2,4-triazole, 1,2,5-triazole, 1,3,4-triazole, benzofuran, benzothiofuran, indole, benzimidazole, benzoxazole, benzthiazole, indazole, benzisoxazole, benzisothiazole, and isoindazole;

alternatively, Y is selected from the following bicyclic heteroaryl ring systems: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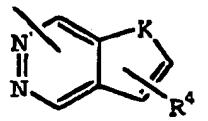


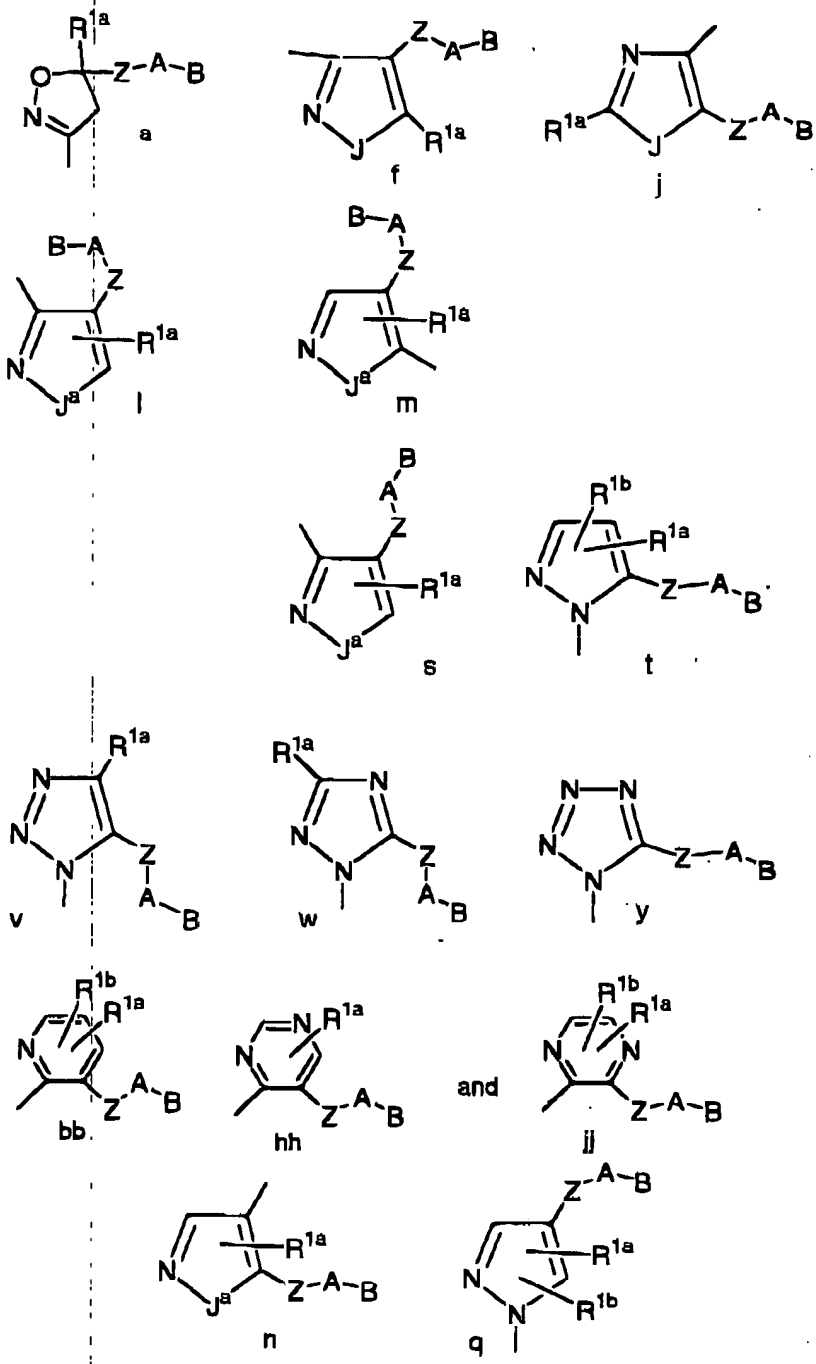
K is selected from O, S, NH, and N.

3. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 2, wherein:

D-E is selected from the group:

1-aminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,3-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,4-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,5-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,6-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1-hydroxy-isoquinolin-7-yl; 4-aminoquinazol-6-yl; 2,4-diaminoquinazol-6-yl; 4,7-diaminoquinazol-6-yl; 4,8-diaminoquinazol-6-yl; 1-aminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,4-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,5-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,6-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 4-aminopterid-6-yl; 8-amino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 5-amino-1,6-naphthyrid-3-y; 5-amino-2,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 3-aminobenzisoxazol-5-yl; 3-aminobenzisothiazol-5-yl; 1-amino-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-7-yl; and, 1-aminoisoindol-6-yl;

M is selected from the group:



Z is selected from $(CH_2)_rC(O)(CH_2)_r$ and $(CH_2)_rC(O)NR^3(CH_2)_r$; and,

Y is selected from one of the following rings which are substituted with 0-2 R^{4a};

phenyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, morpholinyl, thiophenyl, pyrrolyl, pyrrolidinyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl,

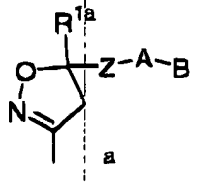
isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, oxadiazole, thiadiazole, triazole, 1,2,3-oxadiazole, 1,2,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,5-oxadiazole, 1,3,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,3-thiadiazole, 1,2,4-thiadiazole, 1,2,5-thiadiazole, 1,3,4-thiadiazole, 1,2,3-triazole, 1,2,4-triazole, 1,2,5-triazole, 1,3,4-triazole, benzofuran, benzothiofuran, indole, benzimidazole, benzoxazole, benzthiazole, indazole, benzisoxazole, benzisothiazole, and isoindazole.

4. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 3, wherein:

D-E is selected from the group:

1-aminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,3-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,4-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,5-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1,6-diaminoisoquinolin-7-yl; 1-aminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,4-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,5-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 1,6-diaminophthalaz-7-yl; 4-aminopterid-6-yl; 8-amino-1,7-naphthyrid-2-yl; 5-amino-1,6-naphthyrid-3-y; 5-amino-2,6-naphthyrid-3-yl; 3-aminobenzisoxazol-5-yl; 1-amino-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-7-yl; and, 1-aminoisoindol-6-yl;

M is selected from the group: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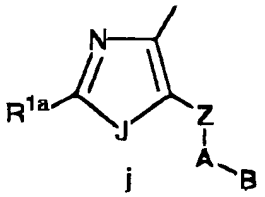
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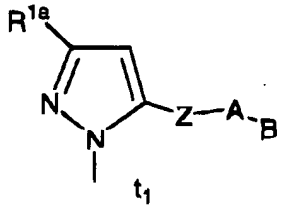
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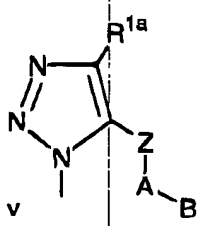
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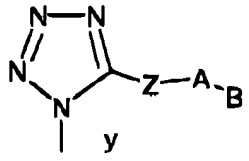
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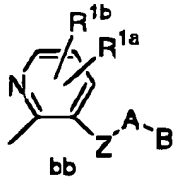
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A is selected from:

C_{5-6} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^4, and

5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^4;

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Y is selected from one of the following rings which are substituted with 0-2 R^{4a};

phenyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, morpholinyl, thiophenyl, pyrrolyl, pyrrolidinyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, benzimidazolyl, oxadiazole, thiadiazole, triazole, 1,2,3-oxadiazole, 1,2,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,5-oxadiazole, 1,3,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,3-thiadiazole, 1,2,4-thiadiazole, 1,2,5-thiadiazole, 1,3,4-thiadiazole, 1,2,3-triazole, 1,2,4-triazole, 1,2,5-triazole, and 1,3,4-triazole;

R^2, at each occurrence, is selected from H, CF_3, C_{1-6} alkyl, benzyl, C_{5-6} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

R^{2a}, at each occurrence, is selected from H, CF_3, C_{1-6} alkyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C_{5-6} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

R^{2b}, at each occurrence, is selected from CF_3, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, benzyl, C_{5-6} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

R^{2c}, at each occurrence, is selected from CF_3, OH, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, benzyl, C_{5-6} carbocycle substituted with 0-2 R^{4b}, and 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of

carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

alternatively, R^2 and R^{2a}, together with the atom to which they are attached, combine to form a ring selected from imidazolyl, morpholino, piperazinyl, pyridyl, and pyrrolidinyl, substituted with 0-2 R^{4b};

R^4, at each occurrence, is selected from H, =O, OR^2, CH_2OR^2, F, Cl, C_{1-4} alkyl, NR^2R^{2a}, $CH_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(O)R^{2c}$, $CH_2C(O)R^{2c}$, $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(=NR^2)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(=NS(O)_2R^5)NR^2R^{2a}$, $SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, NR^2SO_2-C_{1-4} alkyl, $S(O)_2R^5$, and CF_3

provided that if B is H, then R^4 is other than tetrazole, C(O)-alkoxy, and $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$;

R^{4a}, at each occurrence, is selected from H, =O, $(CH_2)_rOR^2$, F, Cl, C_{1-4} alkyl, NR^2R^{2a}, $CH_2NR^2R^{2a}$, NR^2R^{2b}, $CH_2NR^2R^{2b}$, $(CH_2)_rC(O)R^{2c}$, $NR^2C(O)R^{2b}$, $C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $C(O)NH(CH_2)_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $NR^2C(O)NR^2R^{2a}$, $SO_2NR^2R^{2a}$, $S(O)_2R^5$, and CF_3; and,

R^{4b}, at each occurrence, is selected from H, =O, $(CH_2)_rOR^3$, F, Cl, C_{1-4} alkyl, NR^3R^{3a}, $CH_2NR^3R^{3a}$, $C(O)R^3$, $CH_2C(O)R^3$, $C(O)OR^{3c}$, $C(O)NR^3R^{3a}$, $C(=NR^3)NR^3R^{3a}$, $SO_2NR^3R^{3a}$, NR^3SO_2-C_{1-4} alkyl, $NR^3SO_2CF_3$, NR^3SO_2-phenyl, $S(O)_2CF_3$, $S(O)_2$-C_{1-4} alkyl, $S(O)_2$-phenyl, and CF_3.

6. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from:

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(4'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

a2 1-(Isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

3-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]-5-methylisoxazoline;

3-(Isoquinol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]-5-methylisoxazoline;

3-(Isoquinol-7'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]-5-methylisoxazoline;

3-(2'-Aminobenzimidazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]-5-methylisoxazoline;

3-(3'-Aminoindazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]-5-methylisoxazoline;

3-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]-5-methylisoxazoline

3-(1-Amino-isoquinol-7-yl)-4-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]-1,2,3-triazole;

3-(4-amino-isoquinol-7-yl)-4-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]-1,2,3-triazole;

3-(isoquinol-7-yl)-4-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]-1,2,3-triazole;

1-(Quinol-2-ylmethyl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(Quinol-2-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-ethyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-isopropyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(2',4'-Diaminoquinazol-6'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(4'-Aminoquinazol-6'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

a3 1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[4-(N-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)phenylaminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminopthalazin-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

3-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[[5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl)phenyl]pyrid-2-yl]aminocarbonyl]-5-(methylsulfonylaminomethyl)isoxazoline;

1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[[(2'-methylsulfonyl)-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl]aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[[4-(2'-methylimidazol-1'-yl)phenyl]aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2-fluoro-4-(N-pyrrolidinocarbonyl)phenyl)aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2-(N-pyrrolidino)-4-(N-pyrrolidinocarbonyl)phenyl)aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-5-[[(2'-aminosulfonyl)-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl]aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-5-[[(2'-methylsulfonyl)-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]tetrazole;

1-(1',2',3',4'-Tetrahydroisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-[(2'-methylaminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]-5-methylpyrazole;

1-(4'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

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1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2-fluoro-4-(N-pyrrolidinocarbonyl)-phenyl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(5-(2'-methylsulfonylphenyl)pyrid-2-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-methyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-3-chloro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-3-methyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Amino-isoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-methylaminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)carbonylamino]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-ethyl-5-[(2'-methylaminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-ethyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-propyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-propyl-5-[(2'-methylaminosulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-propyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-ethyl-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-ethyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-ethyl-5-[4-(N-pyrrolidinocarbonyl-1-yl)phenylaminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[4-(imidazol-1'-yl)phenylaminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[3-fluoro-4-(2-methylimidazol-1'-yl)phenylaminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[4-(2-methylimidazol-1'-yl)phenylaminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(1'-Aminoisoquinol-7'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[2-fluoro-4-(2-methylimidazol-1'-yl)phenylaminocarbonyl]pyrazole;

1-(3'-Aminomethylnaphth-2'-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]pyrazole; and,

1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-methylsulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]triazole;

1-(3'-Aminobenzisoxazol-5'-yl)-5-[(2'-aminosulfonyl-3-fluoro-[1,1']-biphen-4-yl)aminocarbonyl]triazole;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. (Amended) A method for treating a thromboembolic disorder, comprising: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. (Amended) A method for treating a thromboembolic disorder, comprising: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

15. (Amended) A method for treating a thromboembolic disorder, comprising: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16. (Amended) A method for treating a thromboembolic disorder, comprising: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 4 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. (Amended) A method for treating a thromboembolic disorder, comprising: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18. (Amended) A method for treating a thromboembolic disorder, comprising: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 6 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.